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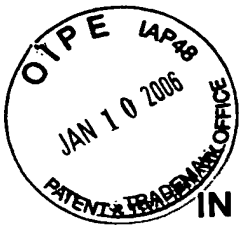
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The presently submitted reference, i.e., Cite No. F1 as listed on Form PTO/SB/08, is not in English. This reference was cited in a communication from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart Japanese application.



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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)

As a concise explanation of the relevance of the presently submitted Japanese-language reference, an English translation of the Japanese Patent Office communication in its entirety is submitted herewith. The JPO communication was in Japanese Pat. App. No. 2003-086734, the foreign patent application on the basis of which priority is claimed in the present application. (A copy of the Japanese Patent Office communication in its entirety follows the English translation.)

Furthermore, an English abstract of Cite No. F1 is available on the Japanese Patent Office website through Patent Abstracts of Japan (PAJ), and a copy of the corresponding abstract is attached to the back of the reference.

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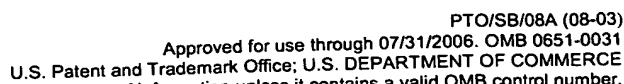
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